guidelines for a new initiative to combat drug trafficking and abuse. A Cabinet sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Home Minister, has been constituted to oversee and co-ordinate the working of different ministries and take steps to intensify the fight against drug abuse and trafficking.

The Action Plan *inter alia*, includes:

(i) vigorously enforcing the legislative provisions and strengthening of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, wherever necessary;

(ii) expeditious destruction of seized/confiscated drugs;

(iii) strengthening of laboratory facilities;

(iv) undertaking a massive training programme for police and other drug law enforcement officers;

(v) strengthening of intelligence set up relating to drug interdiction;

(vi) survey/destruction of illicit poppy/cannabis plants;

(vii) setting up of Special Courts (based on workload) for expeditious trial of drug offenders;

(viii) tightening control at Bombay and Delhi airports being main transit and exist points;

(ix) distribution of drug identification kits; and

(x) to spread awareness about drug abuse.

In order to further strengthen the legislative framework, "The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Ordinance, 1988 (No. 7 of 1988)" has been promulgated on 4-7-1988. Under the Ordinance, as on 28-7-1988, 152 detention orders have been issued and 118 persons have been detained.

Loans to small scale and cottage industries in Bihar

2328. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small scale and cottage industries in Bihar;

(b) what is the number of such industries which have been granted loans by the nationalised banks; and

(c) what are the details of such industries and the amount of loan granted to each industry alongwith the number of applications pending for the purpose of sanction of the loan with each of the nationalised bank as on 30th June, 1988 and by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the present data reporting system does not generate informaion from banks in the manner asked for. As per the latest data, collected on a quarterly basis, public sector banks had financed 98,458 borrowal accounts under SSI sector (Small Scale Industries including artisants, village and cottage industries) in Bihar as on the last Friday of December, 1986 and the amount outstanding in respect of these accounts was Rs. 239.48 crores.

Demands of craftsmen of Jammu and Kashmir

2329. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received Memoranda dated 26th November, 1986 and 25th June, 1988 from All India Handicrafts Workers Union, Jammu and Kashmir regarding the grivances of departmental craftsmen working in centres in Jammu and Kashmir in the Carpet Weaving Training Scheme;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to settle their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.